

# VANDERBILT TO CELEBRATE Twentieth Anniversary of Opening of Biltmore Estate—"Forest Festival" Planned.

Columbia State.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 12.—To stimulate the movement for forest preservation throughout the United States, George W. Vanderbilt, owner of the vast Biltmore estate, has issued invitations to owners of forests, lumbermen, statesmen and technical men throughout the entire country to what is called a "forest festival," to be held at Biltmore, Nov. 27-28.

The event is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the inauguration of the Biltmore estate and the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Biltmore School of Forestry, the first school for the cultivation of forests founded in this country. The object of the meeting is to demonstrate the importance of forests as sources of present and future wealth and show the relations of forest cover to water supply, upon which so many industries depend.

On Nov. 26 the guests will be taken on a trip in carriages over the Biltmore estate to inspect various forest plantations, replanted in white pine, yellow pine, ash, maple, oak, chestnut, hemlock, poplar and walnut, made between the years 1889 and 1905 and to study planting operations in actual progress. Luncheon will be served in the woods and in the evening a dinner and reception will be tendered the visitors at the Battery Park hotel.

On Friday, Nov. 27, an inspection will be made of the Biltmore herbarium, nurseries, afforestation, dairy, pig farm and poultry yard. Dinner will be served in the woods and in the evening the party will participate in a possum hunt on the Biltmore estate.

On Saturday, Nov. 28, the visitors will be taken to Pisgah, Mt. Pisgah and the "Pink Beds," where scientific logging will be demonstrated. Lunch will be served in the logging camp.

The reception committee is composed of: C. A. Schenck, Ph. D., in charge of Biltmore forests; Rev. R. R. Shope, rector of All Souls church, Biltmore; C. D. Beadle, landscape and nursery department; A. S. Wheeler, M. D., agricultural department, and C. E. Waddell of the electrical department, Biltmore.

## DISPENSARY SALES.

\$50,000 Worth More Sold in October than September—Sales at Two Dispensaries in Calhoun Not Counted.

News and Courier.

Columbia, November 15.—The sales of the county dispensaries for the month of October amounted to \$367,948.99, an increase of fifty thousand dollars over the sales for September. The statement for October compiled by Dispensary Auditor West, includes the sales of ninety-four dispensaries in twenty-three counties. The two dispensaries in Calhoun county, heretofore included in Orangeburg, are not counted in this statement, as no report has been received from them. There are twenty-four counties now having dispensaries, the total number of dispensaries being ninety-six.

Of this number three have recently voted out the dispensary, and if the elections stand the statements will not hereafter include Chester, Clarendon and Laurens leaving twenty-one counties with dispensaries, and the total number of dispensaries will be ninety-two.

For October Richland leads in the amount of sales, showing that the State fair leaves some money in Columbia, the fair being held during that month, and the Columbia dispensaries being at that time patronized more or less liberally by citizens of other counties. For October the Richland sales were \$53,401.10, as compared with \$39,635.43, in September. Charleston, however, is a close second to Richland, the Charleston sales for October being \$53,324.20, as compared with \$49,155.05 for September.

Aiken (which supplies part of Georgia) is again third, with sales for October amounting to \$27,499.40, as against \$24,242.75 for September, and Orangeburg, which was fourth in September, with \$22,611.37, is now fifth, with \$21,970.04, and Sumter is fourth, with \$22,338.61. Orangeburg has lost two dispensaries by the formation of Calhoun county, those at St. Matthew's and Fort Motte.

The statement of sales, operating expenses and breakage, by counties, is as follows:

Monthly statement of sales, breakage and operating expenses of county

dispensaries for the month of October, 1908.

County—	No. disp.	Sales.
Abbeville . . . . .	1	\$15,394.65
Aiken . . . . .	6	27,499.40
Barnwell . . . . .	10	19,857.58
Bamberg . . . . .	4	9,244.12
Berkeley . . . . .	4	7,381.60
Beaufort . . . . .	5	11,335.64
Colleton . . . . .	4	7,447.60
Charleston . . . . .	14	53,324.20
Clarendon . . . . .	1	6,441.30
Chester . . . . .	1	7,805.62
Dorchester . . . . .	3	6,716.25
Florence . . . . .	2	14,954.48
Fairfield . . . . .	2	7,640.31
Georgetown . . . . .	2	9,410.30
Hampton . . . . .	5	6,404.30
Kershaw . . . . .	2	13,852.46
Lexington . . . . .	4	7,731.13
Laurens . . . . .	2	16,283.68
Lee . . . . .	1	11,391.47
Orangeburg . . . . .	5	21,970.04
Richland . . . . .	10	53,401.10
Sumter . . . . .	3	22,338.61
Williamsburg . . . . .	3	10,123.15

94 \$367,958.99

County—	Operating expenses.	Breakage.
Abbeville . . . . .	\$ 308.02	\$ 43.20
Aiken . . . . .	1,292.28	171.05
Barnwell . . . . .	802.89	194.65
Bamberg . . . . .	353.37	46.37
Berkeley . . . . .	400.57	47.35
Beaufort . . . . .	639.21	38.51
Colleton . . . . .	513.58	48.45
Charleston . . . . .	2,966.02	51.70
Clarendon . . . . .	647.67	40.50
Chester . . . . .	68.95	
Dorchester . . . . .	543.55	51.40
Florence . . . . .	619.13	94.10
Fairfield . . . . .	360.03	80.57
Georgetown . . . . .	838.77	16.90
Hampton . . . . .	319.04	23.85
Kershaw . . . . .	317.99	60.30
Lexington . . . . .	612.31	15.60
Laurens . . . . .	1,245.32	67.50
Lee . . . . .	280.93	88.96
Orangeburg . . . . .	591.16	72.92
Richland . . . . .	2,827.90	273.75
Sumter . . . . .	602.38	48.45
Williamsburg . . . . .	645.04	19.05

\$17,729.16 \$1,664.08

## CONTEMPT RULE ISSUED.

Another Step Taken in the Dispensary Case—Federal Circuit Judge Pritchard Issues Order Against Two Columbia Attorneys.

News and Courier.

Richmond, Va., November 14.—Further complication in the celebrated South Carolina dispensary case developed yesterday when, after all day conferences with attorneys representing the Wilson and Fleischman distilling companies, Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the United States circuit court, issued an order commanding Archibald W. Ray and Duncan C. Ray, the latter a prominent attorney of Columbia, S. C., to appear before him to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

The attorneys at the conferences were T. Moultrie Mordecai, of Charleston, S. C.; Frank Carter, of Asheville, N. C., representing the Wilson company; A. S. Barnard, of Asheville, N. C., and G. B. Lester, of Cincinnati, O., representing the Fleischman interests. The complainants made a motion that the Ray brothers be ruled for contempt in seeking to have Judge Pritchard's orders, in which he took charge of the dispensary funds, set aside or abrogated to such an extent as to allow them to recover the amount of the claim upon which A. W. Ray procured a writ of mandamus from the supreme court of South Carolina.

Judge Pritchard's rule is returnable December 21 at Greenville, S. C.

The whole trouble arises out of the suits brought by the Fleischman company and others against the commissioners appointed to wind up the affairs of the old South Carolina dispensary board of control on claims for whiskey purchased by the board from complainants before the institution was abolished.

The commissioners constituted themselves as a court, and proceeded to take testimony as to the various claims, and in many instances refused to allow the full amount claimed by the parties, and in the case of Ullman & Co., held that instead of the State being indebted to that concern, it really owed the State several thousand dollars on account of rebates, which the commissioners claimed had been paid to the former board of control, and also on account of the fact that the goods sold to the board were sold at a price higher than that charged other consumers.

The complainants then brought their claims before Judge Pritchard, in the Federal court at Asheville, which was hotly contested by the commissioners, on the ground that the commission was itself a court, and that Judge Pritchard did not have

jurisdiction.

Judge Pritchard, however, assumed jurisdiction, and appointed receivers to take charge of the funds. Upon this an appeal was taken by the commission to the United States circuit court of appeals, wherein Judge Pritchard was sustained.

The case is now before the United States supreme court, for the commission having applied there for a writ of certiorari. A. W. Ray purchased a claim against the commission of \$354.35, and brought suit against the commissioners in the State court, and recovered a judgment. This, however, the commissioners were unable to pay, under the former order of Judge Pritchard, and did refuse to pay. Ray, thereupon went to the supreme court of South Carolina and procured a writ of mandamus to compel the commissioners to pay the judgment.

The present contempt proceedings are instituted on account of the attempted violation of Judge Pritchard's order, which is to the effect that no amounts shall be paid out of the fund, except by an order of his court.

Candidate Taft's Bloodless Axe.

We arrived at Hot Springs on a day of conferences. In room 529 sat the judge, buried in his work, his quarters adjoining those of Secretary Carpenter, where the typewriters were flying at express speed. There were books, papers, copying presses and sundry other evidences of business-like activity. Singularly enough, on the threshold I beheld a plain axe, but was assured that its use was for opening boxes only, and that its red top was symbolic of nothing but its newness.—Joe Mitchell Chapple in November National Magazine.

## Winter Pies.

In cold weather one may save much time by making a quantity of apple or mince pies at a time. Put them in some cupboard outside, where they will freeze and remain frozen until wanted. The day you wish a pie for dinner, bring in one in the morning, thaw out, and bake. Pies kept in this way will be as good as if just put together.—National Magazine for November.

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